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Grand jury blues. Attorney General Kathleen Kane says she's being hounded by political foes who want to stop her from cleaning up Harrisburg.

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Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane outside of her office in Southwest Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Kane defiant as grand jury report unsealed

Philadelphia. After getting a presentment against her unsealed, AG Kane says the charges are purely political.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane spoke outside of her office in Southwest Philadelphia Wednesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Attorney General Kathleen Kane remains defiant in the face of potential criminal charges, after a grand jury presentment was unsealed Wednesday recommending she face criminal charges related to the leak of confidential documents to the media.

If indicted, Kane said, "I won't resign. I promised the people of Pennsylvania that I will fight public corruption. That is exactly what this is. The court systems are being used to overturn the election of somebody they just don't like, somebody that is cleaning up Harrisburg."

At a press conference to announce charges against 22 suspects alleged to have participated in an illegal oxycodone ring, Kane was bombarded with questions about the corruption probe.

The presentment was issued by a grand jury empaneled to find the source of leaks to media regarding a 2009 criminal investigation.

Kane's attorney, Lanny Davis, pointed out Wednesday that the unsealed presentment is only reported to include charges of perjury, obstruction, official oppression and false swearing — not contempt, the charge associated with violations of the Grand Jury Secrecy Act.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, citing unidentified sources, reported two weeks ago that the presentment recommended charging Kane with contempt.

"They start looking for a grand jury leak. They can't find a grand jury leak so they go and make things up," Kane said.

Davis said special prosecutor Thomas Carluccio's "investigation of illegal leaks failed."

"The Philadelphia Inquirer was misled by a source who wanted people to believe that Kathleen Kane would be charged with violating the Grand Jury Secrecy Act," Davis said.

Kane, who testified before the grand jury last month, also treated the unsealed presentment as a victory.

"I told the truth every single time," Kane said. "There were no documents that were grand jury materials that were leaked."

Montgomery County DA Risa Ferman is reviewing the grand jury's presentment. She will decide whether to follow the grand jury's recommendations and charge Kane.

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Grand jury leaks?

The statewide grand jury was convened last year by judicial order to investigate the release to the Philadelphia Daily News of details concerning the investigation into J. Whyatt Mondesire, former head of the Philly branch of the NAACP, over suspected financial wrongdoing.

- Kane admitted releasing a 2014 memo about the 2009 investigation, but denied it was a crime.
- Mondesire was never charged.

Quoted

"There is no leak, or they would have charged it, and they didn't. They would have put it in a presentment and they did not."

Kane

Pills. Kane takes down oxycodone ring

Attorney General Kathleen Kane announced Wednesday that her office had orchestrated the arrests of 22 suspects alleged to have sold oxycodone throughout 44 counties over two years.

The ringleaders allegedly falsified oxycodone prescriptions using medical pads and directed "runners" to pick up prescriptions filled at pharmacies, sometimes with assistance from accomplices working inside the pharmacies.

The suspects filled 550 illegal oxycodone prescriptions, and sold 59,000 pills, worth $1.7 million in oxycodone, Kane said, a street value of about $29 a pill.

Kane warned dealers, "We will find you ... and you will go to jail." METRO

Politics

Trujillo pulls name out of mayor's race

Citing "family matters that require my full attention," Ken Trujillo announced in a press release Monday that he is formally withdrawing as a candidate for mayor of Philadelphia.

Trujillo, who served as a city solicitor and assistant U.S. attorney, said he announced the move now to leave the door open for new candidates to emerge.

This leaves only three announced candidates left: state Sen. Anthony Hardy Williams, former District Attorney Lynne Abraham and Nelson Diaz, a former Common Pleas Court judge.

Two others — former state Sen. Milton Street and former Mayor Michael Nutter spokesman Doug Oliver — are interested, but have yet to make a formal announcement.

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Not 'Awesome.' Don Tollefson guilty of fraud in Bucks County

Former sportscaster Don Tollefson was found guilty by a Bucks County jury Wednesday of stealing more than $340,000 from people and charities, reports said.

Tollefson, 62, was found guilty of all charges including theft, fraud, misuse of charitable funds, deception, and money laundering, according to The Inquirer.

The former TV personality convinced more than 200 people and several charities to buy into fraudulent sports-trip packages that he said benefited his personal charity. Those packages, however, were never awarded and money was never refunded. His charity was never registered.

At the closing arguments of the trial, which lasted 11 days, Tollefson claimed he was a bad businessman who have trouble keeping track of his charity's finances and not a crook, according to the newspaper.

Tollefson, who originally pleaded guilty in September but then withdrew his plea, promised to pay off his debts someday.

His sentencing date was not yet scheduled.

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Details

Tollefson faces a maximum of 37 years in prison, according to The Inquirer.

- However, he will most likely receive a lesser sentence due to state laws restricting long sentences for first-time offenders.

One organizer reflects days after MLK march

Looking back.
Rev. Mark Tyler considers how MLK march will have a lasting impact.

Thousands marched in Center City on Monday for MLK Day. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Three days after thousands marched through Center City in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., a lead organizer considered what it accomplished.

Rev. Mark Tyler, of the Mother Bethel A.M.E church and a march organizer, said Wednesday he felt the protest "restored hope that there is something that we can do about these issues."

But did it make a difference?

"I think the march demonstrated that there is a groundswell of people who have gotten into a place where they are no longer content with things the way they are and that we really expect something more than just excuses," Tyler said.

The protest, which snaked through Center City on Monday afternoon, drew more than 2,000 people. The organizers see Martin Luther King Day not as a holiday, but as a day of remembrance.

Protesters called for what still eludes not only African-Americans, but impoverished and marginalized citizens of every race: a proper education, a living wage and to live free of prejudice and discrimination.

"We never viewed the march as an end to itself, but we have always talked about the march as a means to an end," Tyler said.

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Shooting. Video raises questions after cops kill unarmed black man

Dashcam footage released by the Bridgeton Police Department shows an unarmed black man attempt to step out of his car, clearly raising his hands, when two police officers open fire, killing him.

The Dec. 30 video of the shooting death of Jerame Reid, 36, confirms what witnesses saw, said activist Walter Hudson of the National Awareness Alliance.

"Looking at the video, you can clearly see his arms are up," Hudson said.

"The officer is threatening him and telling him he's going to kill him, he tells him to get out of the car, he gets out with his hands up, and the video speaks for itself. He's shot."

The two officers who both fired on Reid, Braheme Days and Roger Worley, are black and white, respectively, and have been placed on desk duty pending an investigation.

Hudson wants the state attorney general's office to take over the investigation.

"The community has spoken that they have no faith and trust in the prosecutor's office," Hudson said.

The video was released in compliance with an Open Records Act request by the South Jersey Times. Bridgeton Police said it "fully supports the officers involved," in a statement.

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Dashcam footage of the shooting / BRIDGETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fatal shooting

- In the video, officers Days and Worley pull over the vehicle for running through a stop sign.
- Days shouts, "Show me your hands!" and says there is a gun in the car.
- Days shouts, "Don't move!" but when Reid opens the door and stands with his hands out, the officers fire.

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NY Times. Justice Department said ready to clear Wilson

The U.S. Justice Department is about to close the investigation into the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager in Ferguson, Missouri, and clear the white police officer involved of any civil rights charges, The New York Times reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper quoted law enforcement officials as saying that federal prosecutors had begun work on a legal memo recommending no civil rights charges against the officer, Darren Wilson, after an FBI investigation found no evidence to support charges against him.

The Justice Department declined comment.

The agency is still conducting a probe into the Ferguson police force. A St. Louis County grand jury decided last year not to prosecute Wilson.

The shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown last August led to months of sometimes violent protests in Ferguson and galvanized critics of the treatment by police and the criminal justice system of blacks and other minority groups.

Wilson, who said he was acting in self-defense when he fatally shot Brown, resigned from the Ferguson police force in November, citing threats against fellow officers after the grand jury decision. **REUTERS**

Darren Wilson / GETTY IMAGES

Palestinian stabs seven people in Tel Aviv attack

Official. The attacker struck in the morning rush hour in the heart of Israel's commercial capital.

Israeli forensics examine the scene of the bus attack in Tel Aviv. / GETTY IMAGES

A Palestinian stabbed and wounded seven people on a Tel Aviv commuter bus and in the street in a morning rush-hour attack on Wednesday before he was shot by a security officer as he fled, Israeli officials said.

It was the first Palestinian attack reported in the Israeli commercial capital since a soldier was stabbed to death two months ago during a surge of violence in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Passengers on the Number 40 bus en route to Tel Aviv University said the assailant, identified by police as a Palestinian from Tulkarm in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, stabbed the driver and then others at the Maariv junction, one of the coastal city's busiest.

Quoted

"The terrorist had murder in his eyes."

A passenger identified only as Orly, said on Israel Radio

The attacker exited the bus after it slowed to a stop and ran down a street along with panicked passengers and pedestrians. Security camera footage showed him stabbing one woman in the back on the sidewalk, and she collapsed.

Armed prison officers who happened by in another vehicle gave chase and one shot the man in the leg. News photos showed the alleged assailant, whom police said was aged 23, lying face down in the mud, his wrists handcuffed behind him and his jeans stained with blood.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the attack "a direct result of venomous incitement disseminated in the Palestinian Authority against Jews and their country." **REUTERS**

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'Deflate-gate.' Cookies take the cake in Boston

Sasha White, at Boston Common Coffee Co. in Boston, shows the stores' 'Deflate-gate' cookies. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Deflate-gate cookies were selling like (excuse the mixed metaphor) hotcakes after the co-founder of Boston Common Coffee Co. posted pictures of his baker's creation — sad, soft, sagging football cookies — on Twitter.

The full-blown mocking of Deflate-gate exploded on the Internet following allegations that the Patriots won Sunday night's AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts by using flaccid footballs.

According to ESPN, sources close to the NFL's investigation say 11 of the 12 pigskins were determined to be underinflated by 2 pounds of air (pounds per square inch). **WILL SPEROS**

Takeover rumors

Tootsie Roll's 95-year-old CEO dies

The chief executive of Tootsie Roll Industries Inc has died after more than half a century at the helm of the U.S. candy maker, sparking speculation that the company could soon be ripe for acquisition.

Melvin Gordon, 95, died after a brief illness, according to a statement from the company he had headed since 1962. His wife, Ellen Gordon, takes over as chief executive.

The Tootsie Roll is named after the daughter of an Austrian immigrant, Leo Hirshfield, who first produced the chewy chocolate candy in a small New York City store in 1896. Now based in Chicago, the company has a market capitalization of about $1.9 billion.

Ellen Gordon, who is in her 80s and was previously chief operating officer, is the company's largest shareholder, with a 26 percent stake as of March 14. Melvin Gordon had a 21.9 percent stake as of Dec. 12.

"There's been speculation for years that it's going to be sold," said Timothy Chen, analyst at Rhone Trading Partners.

Growing through acquisitions, Tootsie Roll became the world's largest maker of lollipops when it bought The Charms Co in 1988.

It later acquired Sugar Daddy and Junior Mints and, in 2004, Concord Confections, adding Dubble Bubble and Wack-o-Wax to the candies it produces.

After four straight years of growth, though, Tootsie Roll reported revenue of $543.4 million for 2013, a 1.2 percent drop.

One of the oldest CEOs of a U.S. company, Gordon rarely gave interviews. **REUTERS**

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Odeith creates murals that are also anamorphic illusions. / ODEITH

Q&A

How do you create this type of graffiti?
It takes me a lot of time to get to this level of perfection. In the beginning, my pieces weren't so complex and perfect like now. For anamorphic pieces, first you create an angle and all the lines and shadows are based from that angle. It's all about the lights and the shadows.

What was the inspiration behind your anamorphic artworks?
I don't know if "inspiration" is the correct expression because I am doing something really original so it's difficult to become inspired in something that you don't see in any other place.

INTERVIEW BY DANIEL CASILLAS/MWN

This 3-D urban art really jumps out at you

This street art looks like floating 3-D sculptures, but in truth it's an optical illusion. This two-dimensional graffiti, created by Portugal-based artist Sergio Odeith, uses clever perspective and shading techniques to create anamorphic masterpieces. "I'm doing something original," Odeith tells Metro. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Kylie Jenner drops out of homeschooling

Apparently, one of the perks of being homeschooled is you can just up and quit it without the local government getting persnickety. That's exactly what Kylie Jenner, the youngest of the Jenner-Kardashian brood, did, insisting that getting an education was too much of a distraction. "Kylie quit homeschooling a few months ago. She told her mom it was getting 'in the way' of her career, and that she wanted to focus her energies on building her personal brand and making money," a source tells Life & Style of the 17-year-old. And apparently mom and manager Kris Jenner "gave in," which makes sense since she's totally into the whole "building a personal brand and making money" thing. Kris, in fact, "feels the girls are smart and savvy and they don't need a piece of paper to show that." Well, as long as she's feeling it.

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Kate Hudson on seeing her brother naked

THEDLIVERHUDSON / INSTAGRAM

Kate Hudson's older brother, Oliver, decided to really, really enjoy nature by stripping down to just his socks to take in some majestic scenery. And, of course, he shared the moment on Instagram. So what did his famous sister think of him mooning the Internet? She made her feelings clear by commenting on the photo with, "Is this really necessary?" And you know what, Kate? That's kind of a loaded question.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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3

Justin Bieber to be prematurely roasted

When Comedy Central took over roasting duties from the Friars Club, they at least kept the events in the original spirit of lampooning a legend toward the end of their career, with the likes of David Hasselhoff and Charlie Sheen getting the insult salute treatment. Well, they're breaking with tradition with their newest "honoree": Justin Bieber. Hoo boy. "Justin has been asking us for a few years to roast him, and we just kept telling him to go create more source material first. We're thrilled he listened," Comedy Central exec Kent Alterman says. But this all begs the question: Isn't roasting Bieber redundant at this point?

Daily video

Conan teams up with Archer

Sure, Conan O'Brien has always sort of been a human cartoon character, but thanks to the folks at the FX spy series "Archer," he actually is one now. In this special bit done for "Conan," O'Brien teams up

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with the animated superspy for a shootout and car chase — with some scandalous results — through L.A. and Burbank.

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, John Cusack remains unsatisfied, Judd Apatow is issuing a noise complaint, Sarah Silverman is feeling a little nuts, and Mark Duplass is proud of the work we're all doing.

@johncusack: Had some chicken tacos – wasn't nearly enough

@JuddApatow: All it takes to ruin your life is one barking dog.

@SarahKSilverman: OMG this woman is having a full on conversation with herself also it's me I'm doing it

@MarkDuplass: Sometimes I look with disbelief at what's trending on Twitter and sing to myself, quietly... "AMERICA! F--- YEAH!"

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Rainn Wilson finds another oddball to play

"Backstrom," starring Rainn Wilson, premieres tonight at 9 on Fox. / CBS, GETTY IMAGES

Interview. The former 'Office' star takes the lead in Fox's 'Backstrom.'

Rainn Wilson developed one of the stranger characters on television in Dwight Schrute, the ambitious, beet farming salesman on "The Office." He'll try to do the same with Everett Backstrom on "Backstrom," a new crime procedural from "Bones" creator Hart Hanson. Wilson describes Backstrom as "lovably cantankerous and fascinatingly misanthropic."

How involved were you with the development of the show?
The script was already written and it was pretty close to what we did. One of the things that I added to it is more humor. I improvised a good deal and found some other quirky eccentricities for him and physicality that Hart really ran with as a writer. He's a very collaborative showrunner, just like Greg Daniels was on "The Office."

Did you take any inspiration from watching Steve Carell lead on "The Office"?
Anyone who's the lead of a show, they set the tone for the cast and for the producers and Steve was a hard-working, humble guy, who really was generous with everyone in the cast, and he couldn't have been a better leader.

How did it feel to go from a half-hour sitcom to an hourlong drama?
It is so much harder, what I'm doing. … I have a newfound appreciation for what Steve was doing all those years. Dwight was the No. 2 guy on the show, but Steve drove all those scenes and had way more dialogue. He was the engine of the scene and that's what I have to do with "Backstrom." It was difficult, but as George Clooney says, no one ever wants to hear an actor complain about anything, so I will deny all of that.

So Steve Carell and George Clooney are the guys who guide you.
Yep, exactly. My two role models.

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Roommates

Backstrom makes a friend

Backstrom, a detective, lives in a barge with Valentine (Thomas Dekker), the son of a prostitute friend of his, and Wilson says the relationship is his "favorite one to play" on the show.

Was Valentine's role expanded once Dekker was cast?
His character was definitely greatly expanded once Hart and the producers and Fox saw how amazing he was and what he could do as an actor, because he could go from tears to absurdity at the drop of a hat. He's got so much depth, and we just had so much good chemistry.

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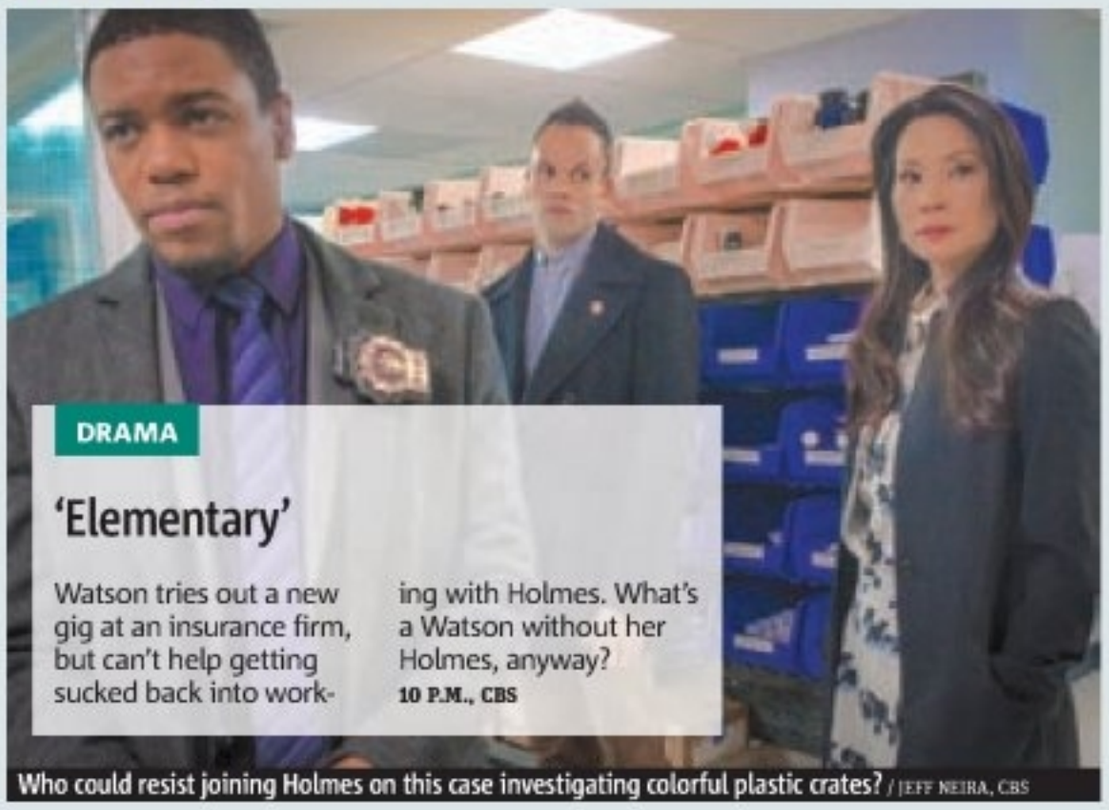

DRAMA

'Elementary'

Watson tries out a new gig at an insurance firm, but can't help getting sucked back into working with Holmes. What's a Watson without her Holmes, anyway?

10 P.M., CBS

Who could resist joining Holmes on this case investigating colorful plastic crates? / JEFF NEIRA, CBS

TALK SHOWS

'The Late Show with David Letterman'

Your favorite silver fox, Jeff Goldblum, stops by. Maybe he'll play some piano! He's very good at that.

11:35 P.M., CBS

COMEDY

'Archer'

Just another day at the office for the group, as an assassin decides to go after a few members of the team, including Sterling Archer himself, as well as Lana and Ray.

10 P.M., FX

REALITY

'The Taste'

Don't worry, your Shondaland shows return next week. This week, catch the season finale of this cooking competition, as a winner is chosen.

SEASON FINALE, 8 P.M., ABC

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Hot picks for this year's Sundance Film Festival

Michael Fassbender and Kodi Smit-McPhee star in "Slow West." / SAM LEVY

Preview. We highlight the seven Sundance films you need to watch — they'll earn attention come Oscar time.

If this year's Oscar nominations are any indication, talk of the Sundance Film Festival's waning relevance is shockingly premature. Two films that stood out in Park City last year — "Boyhood" and "Whiplash" — are two of the stronger Academy Award front-runners this year. So with a whole new crop of hopeful Sundance darlings ready to premiere, here's a look at some of the titles we're most excited about.

1 "Stanford Prison Experiment" It's honestly surprising it's taken this long for this story — about one of the most infamous psychological studies in history — to make it to the screen. Kyle Patrick Alvarez ("C.O.G.") directs an impressive cast including: Ezra Miller, Billy Crudup, Tye Sheridan, James Wolk and Michael Angarano.

2 "I Am Michael" If you see only one James Franco movie at Sundance this year — and, as usual, there are multiple — see this one. Franco stars in director Justin Kelly's based-on-real-life drama as Michael Glatze, a gay activist who becomes an ex-gay Christian pastor.

3 "Slow West" Sundance's first sale of the year has already happened, before the festival even started. Kodi Smit-McPhee ("The Road") stars alongside Michael Fassbender and Ben Mendelsohn in this 19th century, frontier drama about a young man searching for the woman he loves with some interesting company along for the ride.

4 "A Walk in the Woods" It kind of seems like cheating for festival founder Robert Redford to appear in a film at Sundance, but it's probably best not to ignore him. Redford and Nick Nolte co-star as aging pals hiking the Appalachian Trail in this film, which kicks off the festival at the opening night gala.

Robert Redford and Nick Nolte star in "A Walk in the Woods." / FRANK MASI

5 "People, Places, Things" There are plenty of examples this year of comic performers turning to Sundance films for a chance to stretch — including two by festival regular Kristen Wiig, plus Sarah Silverman in "I Smile Back" — but the most intriguing is "Flight of the Conchords" star Jemaine Clement taking on the role of a widower with two young daughters.

6 "Last Days in the Desert" Since the list of things Ewan McGregor hasn't done yet in his eclectic acting career apparently included playing Jesus Christ and the Devil, he decided to knock them both out with one movie, chronicling Christ's 40-day exile and temptation. Yes, it's ground that been covered on film before, but it's intriguing nonetheless.

7 "Mistress America" Noah Baumbach and his girlfriend/co-writer/muse Greta Gerwig attempt to recapture some of that "Frances Ha" magic with another story about young women living in New York.

Ewan McGregor stars in "Last Days in the Desert." RODRIGO GARCIA

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If you're looking for a beachy cruise getaway but you don't want to commit to a long itinerary, a mini cruise in the Caribbean could be the answer.

While the six-night, seven-day sailing is still the standard, there are lots of "shortie" cruises to choose from these days, and not just on older ships as used to be the case. These mini breaks — which visit the Caribbean, the Bahamas or Bermuda — are great for newbies who want to see if a cruise vacation is right for them, but they work for the vacation-time starved too. Here are a few of our favorites.

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Cost: One-night cruises from $199 per person, double occupancy.

> Since time is tight, board with a game plan already in mind to make the most of a short cruise.

Carnival Magic, Carnival Cruises

Sails out of: Galveston, Texas
To: Cozumel
Best for: The short sailings on this line tend to draw a young crowd that keep the bars and clubs full well into the night.
Cost: Three-night cruises from $329 per person, double occupancy.

Oasis of the Seas, Royal Caribbean

Sails out of: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
To: Nassau in the Bahamas
Best for: This is a great cruise for families with older kids, but also for active travelers who are young at heart. There are loads of activities onboard, like climbing walls, a zip line and a surfing simulator.
Cost: Three-night cruises from $517 per person, double occupancy.

Disney Dream

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Disney Dream, Disney Cruise Line

Sails out of: Port Canaveral, Florida
To: Nassau and Castaway Cay, the line's private island in The Bahamas.
Best for: Families with kids of all ages will love this line, as will couples who are die-hard fans of "the mouse." (There are plenty of adults-only spaces.)
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Cost: Five-night cruises from $2,999 per person, double occupancy.

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Top tips

Here are a few tips for getting the most out of your short cruise:

- **Dine smart:** The best restaurants onboard fill up fast, so check your line's reservation policy well in advance.
- **Be spa savvy:** On sea days (and there may only be one on a short sailing), the best massage times are the first to go. Schedule yours as soon as you can if getting one is important to you.
- **Carry on:** Your luggage may not arrive in your cabin until late in the afternoon or even early evening, so have everything you want for the first day, such as your swimsuit and sunscreen, in a small bag with you.
- **Have a plan:** With so little time onboard, you'll want to check out the daily planner as soon as you get it. You may have to choose between, say, an after-hours comedy act or a Broadway-style musical, so determine your game plan in advance.

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Instruction for beginners, child care for little ones, options for non-skiers and kid-friendly apres ski activities — are all must-haves for a family ski trip. The following resorts offer age-specific lessons and children-only ski areas for beginners.

Day care services, with costs ranging from $5 to $16 per hour, are de rigueur and most take children from 2 to 3 years old.

Look for a resort with day care and options for the non-skiers.

In Pennsylvania, Camelback (www.skicamelback.com) in the Poconos has almost as much to do off the slopes as on, including an indoor water park, scheduled to open in March. In western Pennsylvania, Seven Springs Mountain Resort (www.7springs.com) has a full range of ski options, plus a terrain course for snowboarders. Non-ski activities include an indoor pool, a mini golf course and a bowling alley, plus sleigh rides and horseback trail rides.

Hunter Mountain (www.huntermtn.com) in New York's Catskills has the option of half-day ski, half-day childcare on weekends and 14 beginner trails. It boasts the largest snow tubing park in New York, with 18 chutes and special kid-only lanes.

In the Berkshires of Massachusetts, Jiminy Peak (www.jiminypeak.com) focuses on families with lots of lesson

HUNTER MOUNTAIN / MATT PIETRICONE

options, a terrain park and a "snow coaster": a driver-controlled roller coaster. Day care is available from 6 months old.

Vermont's Smuggler's Notch (www.smuggs.com) is consistently voted the top family resort in the east, with activities for kids from 6 weeks to 17 years and programs for children with special needs. Its winter zip line tour is not to be missed.

In Virginia, Bryce Resort (www.bryceresort.com) is a cozy resort in the Blue Ridge. With eight runs (mostly intermediate), a Kinder ski school, and a separate snow tubing park, it's makes a refreshing change from the mega-resorts. Massanutten Resort (www.massresort.com) has skiing, snowboarding and tubing, with ski lessons from age 4 and snowboarding lessons from age 7. It also has a spa and a massive indoor water park where the temperature is a steady 84 degrees.

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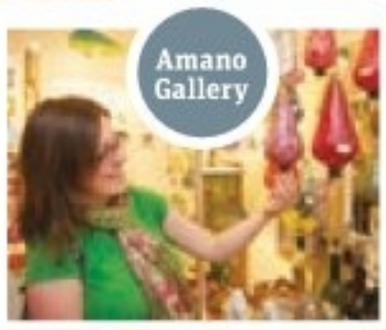

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Online dating trends to look out for in 2015

App love. Long messages are a thing of the past.

Online dating has shaken its stigma since becoming the modern way to meet about a decade ago. According to a 2014 Pew Report, one in five adults aged 25 to 34 has taken to the Internet to find a date.

"The quick-pick method of selection and meeting are taking dominance over the slow burn of getting to know one another over time," says relationship expert Susan Winter. "As our personal time becomes more precious, the dating and mating process is speeding up correspondingly."

If you're one of the millions of online daters, here's a glimpse of the trends you can expect to see in 2015.

Quoted

"As our personal time becomes more precious, the dating and mating process is speeding up in correspondence."

Susan Winter, relationship expert

Swipe right to find love. / ISTOCK

Swiping left and right

Tinder may have spearheaded the swiping trend, but other online dating apps, including Match.com, are following suit. For those who don't know how Tinder works, users are able to quickly view tons of profiles with the swipe of a finger.

"We're kind of getting into a phase now where swiping is becoming much more prominent," says online dating expert Joshua Pompey, who describes it as just another shortcut online daters are using to connect with other singles faster.

Playful profiles

As online dating becomes more app-oriented, it makes sense that individual dating profiles are also becoming shorter and more lighthearted. Users can literally swipe through hundreds of profiles, which makes people want to stand out from the pack even more.

"These kinds of questions are geared to make online dating a little more fun," Pompey says.

Text-style messaging

Swiping naturally lends itself to shorter, text-style messaging within the chat function of dating apps. Playful direct messaging has pretty much replaced traditional emails.

"Who wants to sit for hours every night on a computer?" asks Winter, who says that more and more singles now prefer to look, like, click and meet. "No fuss, in-person connections are gaining momentum with busy professionals."

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Online dating

When it's OK to settle

The word "settle" is probably the most fraught term in the world of dating. But a new dating site is urging users to "settle for love."

"We feel like we all settle to some extent," says Settle For Love founder David Wheeler. "It's a very catchy name in that it jumps out at people. We all want to settle for love."

Despite the fact that there are so many dating sites out there, Wheeler says there was room for one more because his site emphasizes something that most others don't: honesty.

"I was online dating quite a bit five years ago," he recalls. "And I found that a lot of folks seemed to be hiding things — either they posted a picture that didn't exactly look like them or they were hiding parts of their personalities.

One site is arguing that online dating needs more honesty. ISTOCK

He offers these suggestions for those who want to create an honest (yet appealing) profile:

1 Appear comfortable with yourself. "Just because something is a con for you, doesn't mean that it is a con for somebody else," Wheeler says. Photos that are deliberately cropped to hide things like a thinning hairline or a few extra pounds will only make you appear insecure.

2 Don't act like you are trying out for a part. Dating, Wheeler reminds us, is supposed to be fun. "On traditional dating sites, it can kind of feel like you are on an audition site." Showing some flaws and vulnerability is more honest, he points out, and can be more successful. LAKSHMI GANDHI

One more reason to eat on East Passyunk Ave.

Restaurant.
Jersey chef Luke Palladino's new contribution to the foodie strip is solid.

Luke Palladino's namesake restaurant takes inspiration from different regions of Italy. / NICK VALINOTE

It took guts for chef Luke Palladino to open his debut restaurant in Philadelphia in an oddly shaped space at the entryway to East Passyunk Avenue, let alone do so right before Christmas. But dine with the 45-year-old Jersey Shore-based owner of Palladino's and you find he's as determined as he is energetic — or, in his words, "restless."

The new Palladino's, at 1934 E. Passyunk Ave., is an 80-seater with a black-and-white-tile front reminiscent of classic Tuscan architecture, and an intimate bar pouring cocktails like the EPX Coupe, a neighborhood-themed take on the classic Sidecar.

"We're doing things in an upscale manner, but want them to be casual, warm, even primal. We're not uptight at all," Palladino says, inviting diners to put down their forks and pick up the oversized chops with their hands.

Palladino lived and cooked in Italy, "up and down the boot," he says. "Rather than focus on one region, I include all those styles and traditions."

One of his signatures, the gnocchi, is a nightly sell out, but the chef still plays with the dish to come up with new variations. Diners are also showing up for the casonsei, a "candy wrapper" filled with beets and smoked dried ricotta, and the conchiglie con pate di polpo, with octopus ragu with red sauce. For the octopus dish, Palladino uses tomatoes sparingly, allowing the fish and pasta to shine. "Diners," Palladino asserts, "like adventure more than consistency."

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The gnocchi is a nightly hit. / PROVIDED

Late night

Welcome to the neighborhood

The restaurant joins a row of award-winning foodie favorites and happening bars. Palladino plans to take advantage of the Avenue's vibe with 30 outdoor seats for al fresco dining and happy hour specials.

He also just added a late-night menu. It's "a first for fine-dining spots on the block," the chef says.

Listings

ART

And the Word Is...

Thursday through May 14
The Gershman Y
401 S. Broad St.
Free, 215-545-4400

www.gershmany.org
This multimedia group exhibition brings together eight artists from across the United States who've used religious texts in their art, in ways ranging from devout to irreverent. The religions explored here seem mostly Abrahamic — Christianity, Judaism and Islam — but maybe the deeper element here is the mysterious psychological power of words themselves, whether they're said to issue from God or humans.

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Cocktail

Berry Cool Mule

We're seeing the Moscow Mule everywhere this winter — it's the drink you keep spying at bars in that cute copper mug. As with every cocktail that gets trendy, bartenders are clamoring to put their own spin on it. Smirnoff Vodka hosted a competition to find the best version and Philly resident Genymphas Higgs was the winner for the Northeast region. Here's how to make his version of the Berry Cool Mule at home.

Ingredients

1.5 oz. Smirnoff No. 21 Vodka
1 oz. Fresh blueberry simple syrup
1 oz. Sweetened lime juice
4 Fresh mint leaves
Fresh peeled ginger
Ginger ale

Directions

To make the simple syrup, heat equal parts sugar, water and fresh blueberries. Boil for 10 minutes. Let cool.

Using the side of a knife blade, smash the ginger and add to shaker with two cubes of ice. Add the other ingredients and shake vigorously. Strain into highball glass with ice and top with ginger ale.

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A434 - Grymes, Carlton • A534 - Buffalo, Devona • A603 - Michelin, Jacky • A737 - Scott, Saundra
A848 - CLARLONI, PATRICIA A • B1112 - Wray Jr, Michael • B1127 - Evans, Dorine • C2425 - KORNEGAY, TERRA
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The Smithereens

Saturday, 8 p.m.
World Cafe Live
3025 Walnut St.
$22-$30, 215-222-1400
www.worldcafelive.com
With their Rickenbacher guitars, leather jackets and a well-studied collection of British Invasion 45s, The Smithereens were a key East Coast band in the '60s rock revival of the '80s. They proudly remained about 20 years behind the times, embracing a harder '70s power pop style in the '90s. They've never broken up; their last album dropped in 2011.

Harmony Across Barriers: Black Origins in American Classical Music

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Ivy Hall
6331 Lancaster Ave.
$25, 215-803-9725
fineartmusiccompany.ticketleap.com
The Fine Art Music Company performs a program celebrating African-American contributions to classical music, including works by William Grant Still and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, two 20th century black composers who integrated their native folk traditions into the classical idiom, and Betty Roe and George Gershwin, white composers inspired by black musical forms.

Relache in Residence: Mummies outside the Box

Sunday, 3 p.m.
Penn Museum
3260 South St.
$15, 215-898-4000
www.penn.museum
At this concert, their second as artist-in-residence at the Penn Museum, the music ensemble Relache will perform a newly composed live soundtrack to the spooky 1918 silent film "Eyes of the Mummy" by Philly composer Mike Stambaugh. They'll also play an original piece before the film. If you show up an hour early, you can take a mummy-themed tour of the museum's impressive collection.

DANCE

The Delicate Hour

Friday and Saturday
Conwell Dance Theater
1801 N. Broad St.
$15-$20, 800-298-4200
www.liacourascenter.com
Choreographer Molly Shanahan and her Mad Shak Ensemble present the latest manifestation of Shanahan's long-term project "Stamina of Curiosity." Shanahan integrates commonplace communicative gestures into her choreography, mixing the rarefied language of high art with the dance of everyday life. The music has a similar mix — previous versions have made surreal use of the Kenny Rogers song "The Gambler."

VARIETY

Rites of Passage

Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Headlong Performance Institute
1170 S. Broad St.
$5-$10, appliedmechanics theater@gmail.com
www.appliedmechanics.us
Experimental theater group Applied Mechanics hosts this immersive experience, described as "part treasure hunt, part hedonistic party, part ritual." It's a choose-your-own-adventure play that the audience explores instead of just watches. The troupe poses as a mysterious secret society opening its doors to new members for the first time in years, offering food, games and weird lore. **MATTHEW DINARO**

THEATER

KATE RAINES AT PLATE3 PHOTOGRAPHY

'Closer'

Through Feb. 7
Luna Theater, 620 S. 8th St., $15-$30, 18+, 215-704-0033, www.lunatheater.org
Luna Theater Company presents this erotically preoccupied 1997 play by British playwright Patrick Marber, which revolves around a love quadrangle drawn between its four main characters, who swap partners (as well as bitterness and jealousy) with impunity. Love, in this world, is war, and it produces more alienation than attraction in the long run. And truth? It's strictly a matter of convenience.

VARIETY

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Pigonometry: Let Us Take You On A Tangent

Friday, 8 p.m.
Trocodero Theater, 1003 Arch St., $25-$125, 18+, 215-425-1100, pigonometry.brownpapertickets.com
This cabaret fundraiser for the Pig Iron Theatre Company features a motley crew of performers headlined by the defiantly hairy 6'7" drag singer Martha Graham Cracker, aka Pig Iron co-founder Dito van Reigersberg. The lineup of local favorites also features the intense circus of Brian Sanders' JUNK, dance duo Magda and Chelsea, Murmuration, Johnny Showcase and his Lefty Lucy Cabaret, the hip-hoppin' senior citizens of Fantasy Grandma and the Brazilian samba band Unidos de Fidelfia.

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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Stick to your plans, ideas and goals. Social mingling and group events will lead to petty arguments. The more you do on your own, the better off you will be.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Your energy will lag if you don't push yourself to get moving. If you make an effort to get out, you will be motivated.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Turn down demanding colleagues. Don't let events lead to confusion. Take a moment to re-evaluate the past.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Focus on caring and sharing. Stay away from the battlefield and consider what you can do to make the people who are important to you feel more secure.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You can make a difference by visiting or checking in with a friend or relative. Work at maintaining good relationships with family.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Rejuvenate the love you feel for someone. This is not the time to be shy. Make plans that will enhance your personal and romantic lives.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Look after your health. A new aid or natural remedy can bring you peace of mind. Check out products that boost your comfort level.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Love is on the rise. Host a gathering or attend an event outside the home. Surround yourself with friends and upbeat people.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Minor annoyances at home will have to be dealt with before the situation spins out of control. Don't rely on others.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. An excursion will provide inspiration for a unique venture. New experiences will heighten your instincts and spark ideas.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Visualize your ideal future. By pinpointing your aspirations, you will be able to strategize and implement what you need to be successful. EUGENIA LAST

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

No justice for some

"Not all lives matter:" Seventy-two-year-old Patricia Moran and her daughter were viciously murdered in Florida by four African-American men who broke into their home. The killing was so vicious the police said it was "much too graphic to describe." This murder does not fit the liberal media's narrative so it goes unreported. If this were two black woman that were viciously murdered by four white men, Rev. Sharpton, the media, and his followers would be organizing walks and parades down Main Street. I hear silence in this case. A crime is a crime and they should all be treated fairly regardless of a person's skin color.
JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA EMAIL

Hypocrites have right to offend, too

To the scary people who (somewhat) side with the Charlie Hebdo killers, including the creepy Bill Donohue of the Catholic League, and say free speech should not upset or mock others, I'd like to rebut their comments that we should practice self-censorship, with this no-brainer: Your comments offend and horrify me and umpteen other lovers of free speech, beyond description. See your hypocrisy?
DOB PRICHARD, VIA EMAIL

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12 Piggy's dinner
13 Gorilla or chimp
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33 — cit. (footnote abbr.)
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35 Bus station
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39 Organ feature
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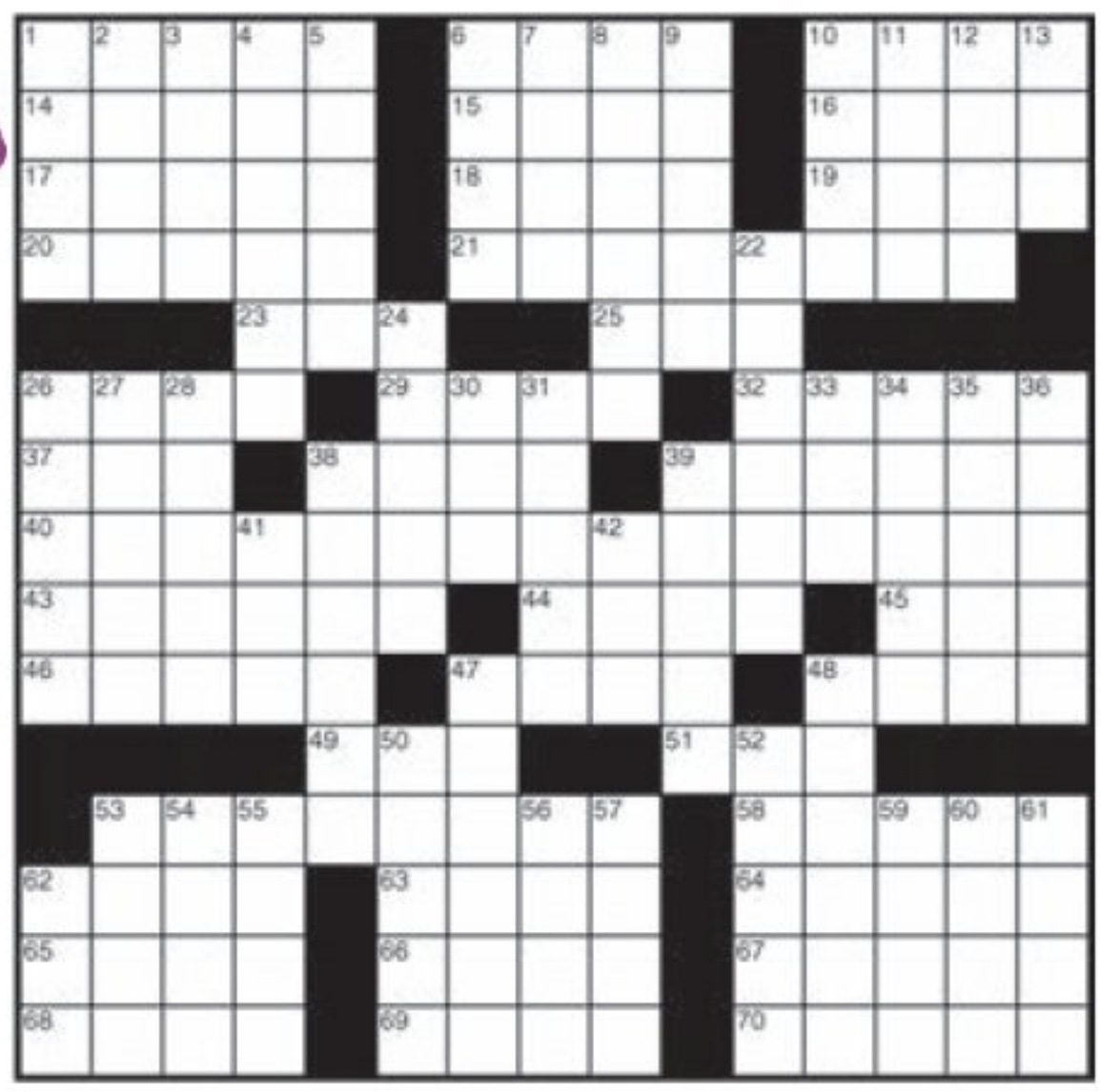

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Deflation

Patriots in hot water

The NFL has determined that 11 of 12 footballs inspected by referees prior to kickoff in the Pats' 45-7 win over the Colts were deflated on the New England sideline or in the locker room. According to NFL rules, Bill Belichick and the Pats could be fined or even lose draft picks for the infraction.

Phillies' Crawford says he will be better than Rollins

MLB. The Phillies' top prospect has a clear path to the majors to play shortstop.

Crawford could reach the majors in 2015. / GETTY IMAGES

Shortly after shortstop J.P. Crawford met the press days after the Phillies selected him 16th overall in the 2013 draft, Metro asked the then-18-year-old kid, about any brushes with Jimmy Rollins.

"I talked to him," Crawford said. "He was really nice and he's a great player but I'm going to be better than him."

When Crawford interacted with the media last week at Citizens Bank Park along with nine other highly touted Phillies prospects, Metro couldn't help but ask the phenom shortstop if he remembers the conversation.

"I do," Crawford said. "And I stand by it. I believe I'm going to be that good. That's not a knock on Jimmy Rollins. He really is a great player and I'm going to be cheering for him to have a tremendous year with my Dodgers."

While growing up in Lakewood, California, Crawford rooted for the Dodgers but only in a casual manner. Like most gifted ballplayers, his primary focus was on his own performance.

"Even at a young age, you work on being the best you can be, if you're focused and determined."

Crawford, the cousin of Dodgers left fielder Carl Crawford, has a bevy of tools and is the Phillies top prospect.

It wouldn't be surprising if Crawford, who turned 20 last week, starts the season at Double-A Reading after impressing at High A Clearwater, where he hit .275 with seven doubles, eight homers and 29 RBIs.

"Since I'm [the top prospect] and I put some numbers last season, I know how to produce," Crawford said.

He added: "I put pressure on myself to be the best that I can be. I want to be up with the Phillies sooner than later."

By the numbers

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The Phillies farm system was ranked No. 25 by Baseball America last season. It should be better this year after the team bolstered its pitching prospects from offseason trades.

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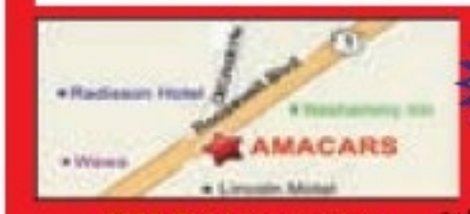

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NHL. Will the Flyers' brutal first-half finale win over the Penguins carry over to a post-All Star spurt?

Flyers at the break

NHL All-Star Weekend begins Friday with the fantasy draft.

- Jakub Voracek and Claude Giroux are slated to represent the Flyers in the game.
- Voracek leads all NHL scorers with 59 points and 39 assists.
- Giroux isn't far behind, tallying 51 points in a four-way tie for third. He leads the NHL in power play points with 24.

The Flyers picked up some momentum with their 3-2 OT win over the Penguins before they start their six-day break. / GETTY IMAGES

Flyers teammates Luke Schenn, Brayden Schenn, Claude Giroux, Michael Del Zotto and Nick Grossmann went out to dinner in the city on Monday night after returning from a 7-4 loss to the New York Islanders.

Frustrated with the way their season has gone and with the hated Penguins conveniently in town the next night, the topic of discussion turned to releasing all of their frustration on Sidney Crosby and company in the form of a few fisticuffs.

"It's not like we were planning it," said Schenn, who thinks Giroux was the one who brought up the idea. "We were just joking around and were like, 'Man, maybe this is just what we need.' … It wasn't like we thought, 'Oh it's the Pittsburgh Penguins.' We were just joking around about it, but it's fun it turned out that way."

Oh yeah, the game turned into Tuesday Night Fights down at the Wells Fargo Center.

The Pennsylvania rivals treated the 19,982 fans in attendance to four good bouts and a combined 93 penalty minutes during a wildly entertaining 3-2 overtime victory. In the fight-filled second period, the Flyers had 38 penalty minutes behind fights from unlikely sources Jakub Voracek — in his final game before his first all-star appearance — Michael Raffl and Pierre-Edouard Bellemare. Luke Schenn fought Steve Downie and got a good dozen shots in before knocking him to the ice.

Voracek dropped the gloves for just the second time in his NHL career and the first time since going toe-to-toe with the Capitals' Steve Oleksy on March 31, 2013. The league's leading scorer didn't approve of Rob Scuderi's hip check and unleashed a fury of punches. Voracek got two minutes for instigation, five for fighting and a 10-minute misconduct.

"I saw [Dave] 'The Hammer' Schultz before the game," said Voracek, who waved his hands in the air to the crowd before leaving the ice. "I wanted to show him I got something."

The 59 penalty minutes were the most the Flyers have racked up since recording 99 against the Capitals on Nov. 1, 2013. It was the most PIM they've had in a regular season game against the Penguins since the 115 on Feb. 16, 1992.

Crosby expected as much from the Flyers.

"You could tell that was part of their game plan, to run around a bit," he said. "That's something we've definitely seen before."

Now the Flyers need to figure out how to bring the same emotion, which has been missing all year, against teams not from Pittsburgh.

"We have to bring that emotion game after game, especially down the stretch," Schenn said. "Every game is going to be pretty tight checking. I don't know if you're going to see that many scraps but I think you're going to get some tight checking games and the emotion definitely has to be there."

Quoted

"Pittsburgh brings that out in all of us. You know there was a lot of emotion in the game and a lot of physical play. Guys were battling for each other, and we played a real good hockey game."

Flyers head coach Craig Berube

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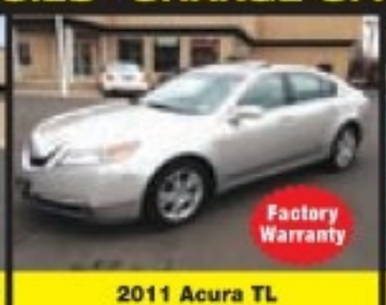

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